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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Goodall Center for Environmental Studies:  
Glendale Garden landscape at summer's end.

Photo courtesy of Mark Olenki

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*Join us for the  
Fierce Green Fire  
Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Olin 210*

## *Where are they now? Alumna Danielle Peoples, '11*

After graduation last May, I began working for *Duke Energy* with their SC President's organization. I report directly to Catherine Heigel, the South Carolina President. My title is Special Projects Coordinator, and I get to be involved in a wide range of statewide projects and programming.

The SC President's organization works internally and externally to develop and implement a coordinated and comprehensive legislative, regulatory, economic development, community, and philanthropic strategy tailored to the distinct characteristics of SC and to recognize the unique needs, interests, and concerns of our SC communities, customers, and employees. Significant SC

initiatives include Lee Nuclear development, Keowee-Toxaway relicensing, the current rate cases, and the company merger proceedings. The SC President's organization also provides integration of strategic and financial planning activities across *Duke Energy* business units operating in the state and at the corporate level.

I am enjoying being involved with environmental education initiatives for *Duke Energy* and working closely with our Environmental Director. Everyday is something new for me, and I could not imagine having a more exciting job right out of college.



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Each Saturday in  
October

**Hub City Farmer's Market:** Each Saturday, 8:00am-noon, located at the Magnolia Street Train Depot (just 2 blocks from campus). Shop for locally grown, seasonal fruits and vegetables, and much more. Visit [www.hubcityfm.org](http://www.hubcityfm.org).

October 8th

**iRecycle Half Marathon/5K Run:** Starts at 8:00 am in front of the S. Pine Street YMCA. Register online at <http://go-greenevents.com/event/id/241>. Visit their website at <http://www.irecycledoyou.net/> for a race map and more information.

October 15th

**Fall Foliage Kayaking at Croft State Park:** *Spartanburg Parks* will host kayaking tours on Lake Craig. Three one-hour tours are being offered at 11:00am, 12:30pm, and 2:00pm. Fee: \$10 per person with all proceeds going to *Friends of Croft*. Contact Jenna Walker (804-5815 or [jenna.walker@spartanburgparks.org](mailto:jenna.walker@spartanburgparks.org)) by 10/13 to preregister.

October 17th

**Natural Science Seminar Series:** *USC Upstate* will host this series at 5:00pm in Tukey Theater. Tonight's topic is *Alternative Winter Strategies in Migratory Songbirds* by Eastern Kentucky University professor, Dr. David Brown.

October 31st

**Deadline for South Carolina Wildlife Federation Scholarships:** Two South Carolina students studying environmental education in South Carolina schools of higher education will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship in December 2011. Contact Dr. Savage if you are interested in applying for this educational grant.

Ongoing

**Spartanburg B-cycle:** *Partners for Active Living* has set up new self-service bike rental stations (*B-stations*) on the Rail Trail and in Morgan Square. Rent a bike for as little as \$5/24 hours. See their website for additional membership options, [www.active-living.org](http://www.active-living.org).

**Black Science Annex Courtyard:** Your help is needed in the courtyard of the Environmental Studies Department. Please come by any time and pull some weeds in the garden (especially the brick patio). Thanks!

## GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

### *Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Earth, Atmospheric, & Planetary Sciences*

MIT's graduate program in the Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) Department offers four areas of study: Atmospheres, Oceans, and Climate; Geology, Geochemistry, and Geobiology; Geophysics; and Planetary Science. MIT also has a Joint Program in Oceanography with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), which is considered to be one of the top two marine science programs in the world.

The EAPS website states that "the master's degree program is designed to be completed in two

years and is suitable for motivated students with undergraduate degrees in geoscience, physics, chemistry, mathematics, or engineering. And it prepares students for scientific and management careers in the environmental, natural resources, and technical consulting industries."

The EAPS program is also ranked second in the nation for the number students who go on to obtain tenure-track faculty positions in the earth sciences. Visit <http://eapsweb.mit.edu/education/grad/index.html> for more information on this program.